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GOP: WE'RE OPEN TO INVESTIGATION

Hoover probe could get sent to ethics commission

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House Republican leaders are leaving open the possibility of turning their investigation into sexual harassment claims over to the Legislative Ethics Commission, amid calls from Democrats for oversight of the investigation to involve both parties.

The law firm hired to conduct the investigation, Middleton Reutlinger, will have a preliminary report in 10 days, leaders wrote in an update released Friday. At that time, leaders will review the findings and make a decision.

"We won't know the right path forward until we see the preliminary report, but we are keeping all of our options open," the statement said. "Ultimately, we want the deepest, most independent investiga-

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"The facts should be allowed to emerge and guide future decisions."

David Osborne
House Speaker Pro Tempore

Family: Ex-speaker has health concern

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FRANKFORT, Ky. – Days after resigning as House speaker, Rep. Jeff Hoover has been hospitalized for a heart-related issue.

A family member says Hoover was admitted for testing due to the heart-related issue, according to a spokeswoman for House Speaker Pro Tem David Osborne. His family has asked for privacy until they issue a further statement.

Hoover, a Jamestown Republican, resigned as House Speaker on Sunday afternoon in the aftermath of a Nov. 1

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Manual principal sorry for remarks

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DuPont Manual Principal Gerald "Jerry" Mayes stood in front of a room packed with students Friday afternoon and apologized for comments he made to two black students about how he's faced discrimination because he's white.

Friday's discussion, which took place after school, was sponsored by the school's Black Student Union after the conversation Mayes had with the two students, which was recorded, was released to local media. For an hour, Mayes listened to students' concerns about those comments and fielded their questions about how he would change.

But first, he apologized.

"I love every student in this room. I love every student in this building," Mayes told the crowd. "I need to get you to help me be better."

Jefferson County Public Schools reprimanded Mayes this week for his comments in the recording, which he has said was recorded without his knowledge.

Courier Journal obtained a copy of the recording from a Manual parent. During the conversation, Mayes told the students – who first approached Mayes to discuss the school's handling of national anthem protests – that he has faced racial discrimination.

"Listen, I've been discriminated against because I was white. That ain't right," he said on the recording, adding that he had "lost four jobs because I was white."

Sean Waddell Jr., one of the leaders of Manual's Black Student Union, said he found Mayes' comments on the recording "disturbing" and "outlandish."

"I don't believe Mr. Mayes is a hateful man," said Waddell, a junior. "But in 2017, ignorance is no longer an excuse."

Students said the goal of Friday's meeting was to make the hallways of Manual safe and comfortable for all of the students who walk within. More than 100 students, as well as several staff members, showed up for the meeting.

Mayes spoke briefly at the beginning of the meeting, apologizing to one of the students heard on the recording and to that student's mother. He then let the students take the mic.

"Obviously, I need to shut up and listen," he said.

More than a dozen students addressed Mayes, as he sat in a chair facing the crowd. At times, he jotted their

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